

**East Midlands Fencing Region AGM Minutes
19th November 2022**

Chesterfield Garden Centre , Mansfield Road
Hasland Chesterfield , S41 0JL and online via
Zoom.



Agenda item	
1	Chairman's Welcome; Apologies Ev Van Gemeren as Chair opened the meeting. Apologies had been received from Jenna Griffiths.
2	Minutes of previous AGM. Minutes of the previous AGM were not supplied.
3	Reports
3a	Chair – Ev Van Gemeren The region is struggling nicely due to the fact that there has been minimal activity following the COVID-19 pandemic. Clubs have reported that participation has begun to improve since the lockdowns and hopefully that will mean that more regional events will be able to be organised.
3b	Treasury report and statement of accounts – Chris Forbes. Chris Forbes has been standing in as treasurer due to the previous Treasurer standing down. As of the 18th of November 2022, the accounts are as follows: Natwest: £1935.88 Stripe: £691.74 <u>Income during the period of 21/22</u> BYC Qualifiers: £1266.20 EMBIJ: £691.74 Total income for this period has been £1957.94. <u>Expenditure during the period of 21/22</u> Coaching for NTU in exchange for hall hire: £1290.00 BYC Qualifier Medals: £229.25 EMBIJ Medals: £273.60

	Total expenditure for this period has been £1792.85.
3c	Fencer Development Officer - Jenna Griffiths The training sessions once a month are slowly picking up but may need pushing more in clubs. Competitions booked with NTU are EMBIJ on the 26th of November, the BYCQ on the 29th of January and the GB Cup Qualifier / East Midlands Senior Championships on the 12th of March.
3d	Welfare Officer – Barbara Whitcombe No safeguarding issues have been reported since the last AGM. The welfare of all participants in fencing is a priority for British Fencing and the requirement for trained welfare officers in all clubs plays a critical role in creating a safe environment. Reminder that all clubs must have a trained Welfare Officer. In the next year regions will be combined to ensure that there is sufficient welfare coverage.
4	Election of Officers and Committee for 2022/23 The below were elected to the committee for the next year. Chair: Paula Sullivan Vice-chair: David Sweeney Secretary: Ian Scott Treasurer: Nigel Leavesley Welfare: Barbara Whitcombe Armoury: Ian Toplis Fencer Development Officer: Jenna Griffiths

5	Plans for the coming year There is currently a review of the England Fencing terms of reference in progress. This is due to be published shortly. There are currently 3 competitions planned into the calendar. The EMBIJ on the 26th of November, the BYCQ on the 29th of January and the GB Cup Qualifier / East Midlands Senior Championships on the 12th of March. There are also 3 regional training days booked with NTU, it was discussed about how to review how these are advertised and run. It was discussed that it would be a good idea to survey the current fencers in the East Midlands to find out what they would like the region to provide. It was discussed that there were 2 different Whatsapp groups, the region decided to formalise these as 1 being for club officials and 1 for all people involved in fencing in the East Midlands. The region decided that they hold committee meetings on Zoom (or equivalent) and allow representatives from clubs to attend or share topics they would like the region committee to discuss. Some other services that the region could offer e.g. help with running competitions were discussed. The region also discussed setting up opens in the region. Claiming the Leicester and Nottingham Opens but with plans to look into setting 1 in each county (in time) in partnership with the local clubs.
6	Any other business It was discussed that the region could help develop a competition cost calculator to share with clubs looking to organise their own events.